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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director, Collection and Dissemination

SUBJECT: Monthly Analysis of Soviet Broadcasts

REFERENCES: Memorandum from Asst. Director, OCD, to Asst. Director, ORR, dated 5 December 1947, Same Subject as Above.

1. In response to the request contained in paragraph 2 of the reference, this Office does not believe that it is either desirable or necessary for the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Branch to inaugurate the preparation of a monthly critical analysis of Soviet broadcasts.

2. This office believes that the full propaganda significance of Soviet broadcasts can usually be analyzed accurately only in the light of information obtained from other sources. Any attempt to base such propaganda analyses on broadcast material alone is unrealistic and may lead to entirely erroneous conclusions.

3. Soviet broadcasts and other forms of Soviet propaganda are kept under constant scrutiny by this Office. Matters of significant intelligence interest in this field are reported in the standard publications of this Office as they are observed without waiting for a periodic publication on this specific topic. It is felt that sometimes such matters are of too great urgency to permit delaying their publication.

4. It may be of interest to you to know that this matter was raised several months ago by the Executive Director. A copy of the recommendations submitted by this Office at that time is attached for your information.

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